

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed **October 29, 2007**. Consideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims as amended herein, is respectfully requested.

1. Present Status of Patent Application

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, the following amended and original claims will be pending:

Original claims: 1-17

Amended claims: 4, 6, 8-12

Allowed claims: 1-3 and 13-17

New claims: -none-

Amendments to the claims herein are specifically described hereinafter. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application and place the claims in condition for allowance.

2. Objection to Claims 4 - 12

Claims 4 –12 have been set out in a multiple dependent format. The office action states that Claims 4 – 12 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) as being in improper form, since multiple dependent claims cannot depend from another multiple dependent claim. As a result, claims 4 –12 have not been considered and treated on the merits in this office action.

Claims 4, 6 and 8-12 have now been amended herein to remove the dependency of multiple dependent claims from multiple dependent claims. In short, there are now no multiple dependent claims that depend from multiple dependent claims. It is believed that these amendments overcome all objections under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) raised in connection with claims 4 –12. Consideration of claims 4 - 12 and treatment on the merits is respectfully requested.

3. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiners indication that pending claims 1-3 and 13-17 are allowable over the prior art.

4. Acknowledgement

The prior art made of record has been considered, but is not believed to affect the patentability of the presently pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims 1 - 17 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (865) 560-1439.

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